

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing a multimedia object ~~(212) in which comprising the acts of:~~
 - downloading by a client device (101) downloads the multimedia object (212) from a distributing server (201), whereby, wherein the client device (101) is connected to a peer-to-peer file sharing network (100) and redistributes;
 - redistributing by the client device the multimedia object (212) over the peer-to-peer file sharing network (100), for which redistributing the; and
 - rewarding an operator of the client device (101) is given a reward for the redistributing act.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further

comprising the act of keeping track of the a number of times that the client device ~~(101)~~ redistributes the multimedia object ~~(212)~~ over the peer-to-peer file sharing network ~~(100)~~, ~~and~~, wherein the rewarding ~~the operator of the client device (101)~~ act is in dependence on said number of times.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, in which the reward ~~constitutes~~ comprises at least one of a discount on a price normally paid for downloading a multimedia object from the distributing server ~~(201)~~, a number of points for use in a bonus system, an electronic coupon, a permission to download one or more further multimedia objects from the distributing server ~~(201)~~, metadata related to the multimedia object ~~(212)~~, and a ticket for an appearance of ~~the performer(s)~~ a performer of the multimedia object ~~(212)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the acts of:

obtaining an identifier for the operator of the client device ~~(101)~~ before distributing the multimedia object ~~(212)~~ the

redistributing act; and

embedding the identifier in the multimedia object ~~(212)~~ by means of a watermark before the client device ~~(101)~~ downloads the multimedia object (212) the downloading act.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of enabling distribution of a multimedia object ~~(212)~~, comprising the acts of:

receiving by a server a request for the multimedia object ~~(212)~~ from a client device ~~(101)~~, i

forwarding by the server the request to a file sharing network ~~(100)~~, i

receiving by the server an indication from a node ~~(102)~~ in the file sharing network ~~(100)~~ indicating that the node ~~(102)~~ is able to distribute the multimedia object ~~(212)~~ to the client device ~~(101)~~, and;

distributing the multimedia object from the node to the client device; and

rewarding an operator of the node ~~(102)~~ for said distributing act.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, further comprising the act of authorizing the request before forwarding the request to the file sharing network ~~(100)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, ~~in which wherein~~ the authorizing act comprises obtaining payment from an operator of the client device ~~(101)~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, ~~in which the request is forwarded by wherein~~ the forwarding includes the acts of:

obtaining a fingerprint for the multimedia object ~~(212)~~; and submitting a query comprising the fingerprint to ~~a~~ the node in the file sharing network ~~(100)~~.

9. (Currently Amended) A system ~~(200)~~ for enabling distribution of a multimedia object ~~(212)~~, the system comprising:
a distributing server ~~(201)~~ arranged for receiving a request for the multimedia object ~~(212)~~ from a client device ~~(101)~~ and for forwarding the request to a file sharing network ~~(100)~~, and

an accounting server ~~(110, 230)~~ for receiving an indication from a node ~~(102)~~ in the file sharing network ~~(100)~~ indicating that the node ~~(102)~~ is able to distribute the multimedia object ~~(212)~~ to the client device ~~(101)~~, and for rewarding an operator of the node ~~(102)~~ for said distributing.

10. (Currently Amended) A client device ~~(101)~~ for use in the system ~~(200)~~ of claim 9, comprising a tracking module ~~(404)~~ arranged for keeping track of ~~the~~ a number of times that the client device ~~(101)~~ redistributes the particular multimedia object ~~(212)~~ over the peer-to-peer file sharing network ~~(100)~~, and for transmitting said number of times to ~~an~~ the accounting server ~~(110, 230)~~.